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Senate Appropriations Committee to hear from teachers unions on health-care report

Who: Senate Appropriations Committee chaired by Sen. Shirley Johnson, R-Troy.

What: Committee members will hear from representatives of the state's two main teachers unions and other educational groups. A representative from the Office of the State Employer also is expected to testify.

When: 1 p.m., Wednesday, Aug. 10.

Where: Senate Appropriations Room, third floor, Capitol building.

Briefing: The committee will continue reviewing a report from the HayGroup, a human-resources consulting firm, that recommended reforms to how public-school employees are provided with health-care benefits. According to the report, the state of Michigan could save an estimated \$146 million to \$281 million a year, or an additional \$86 to \$165 per pupil, if school employee health care benefits were pooled together.

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